

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Type or legibly print your answers. If a question is not applicable, indicate this by marking "N/A". Return completed form to Christopher R. Johnson, Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 1547, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902(U.S. Mail) or Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building, 30 S. 6th Street, Room 1038, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901 (FedEx, UPS or DHL)

GENERAL

1. Full name: _____
2. All other names by which you have been known: _____
3. Office address: _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
4. Residential address: _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
5. Place of birth: _____
Date of birth: _____
6. Length of residence in state: _____
7. If you are a naturalized citizen, state the date and place of naturalization. _____

8. Military Service:

Branch	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
Rank or Rate at Discharge	Type of Discharge
_____	_____

If still a reserve or national guard member, please give service, branch, unit, and present rank.

9. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges of this court? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give name(s) and relationship.

HEALTH

10. What is the present state of your health? _____

11. Do you have any disability, serious illness or condition that would prevent you from performing the essential functions of the position of magistrate judge?

EDUCATION

12. Colleges and universities attended, dates, and degrees:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

13. Continuing legal education courses completed within the last 10 years:

HONORS

14. Were you a member of law review? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please describe role. _____

15. If you have published any legal books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates:

16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received: _____
- _____
- _____

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case:

Court or Administrative Body	Date of Admission
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

LAW PRACTICE

18. State the names, addresses, and dates of employment for all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, all government agencies, and all private business organizations in which you have been employed. Also provide all dates during which you have practiced as a sole practitioner.

Organization	Address	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

19. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties and character of your typical clients; also, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

20. a) Do you appear regularly in court? Yes ☐ No ☐.
- b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years were in:

1. Federal Courts _____ %
2. State or Local Courts of Record _____ %
3. Administrative Bodies _____ %
4. Other _____ %

21. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? _____ %

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? _____ times per month.

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? _____ times per month.

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

Civil _____ %

Criminal _____ %

Other:

_____ %

_____ %

_____ %

25. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

26. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years. _____

27. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases over the past five years: _____

PUBLIC OFFICE

28. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give details.

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

29. a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service, or dates of candidacy: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- b) If you have held judicial office, state the names and addresses of counsel who have appeared before you who would be knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- c) Prior quasi-judicial service:
- Name of Agency _____
- Position Held _____
- Hearings on What Types of Issues _____
- Number of Cases Adjudicated _____
- Dates of Service _____

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

30. a) If you are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.
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- _____
- _____
- _____
- b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give the details, including dates.

- c) During the past five years, have you received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.

31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give details. (Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.)

- b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give particulars.

32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give particulars.

- b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give particulars, including the amounts involved.

33. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceedings with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, or unethical conduct? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give particulars.

34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please give particulars.

35. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities? Yes ☐ No ☐. If no, please explain. _____

36. Have any liens or claims ever been instituted against you by the federal, state or local authorities? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please explain. _____

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

37. a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups, and committees to which you belonged.

b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37 (a) of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law. _____

39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.

40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the district court and the selection panel in connection with your possible nomination as United States magistrate judge. _____

41. a) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities.

Name	Address	Telephone Number
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- b) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your personal character.

Name	Address	Telephone Number
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Confidentiality Statement

This form will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The individuals whom you have listed as references above may be contacted by the panel, but no other employers, colleagues, or other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on:

Date

Signature of Candidate

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